Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - OCT 2022

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month.
6:30pm at St Johns Hall.
72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : 8th Nov 2022. 6:30pm.

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Editors Dribblings

Barrington Tops : For those that didn't make it, unfortunately you missed out on an epic long weekend trip away. It was cold, windy, wet and muddy — but we all had a brilliant time camping beside the river.

Last reminder that the annual membership fees are now due for the next financial year.
$60 at the next meeting, or preferably via bank deposit to
BSB 032-621 , Account Number 895405

Email : tam4wdclub@hotmail.com for any queries.

Meeting opened : 18h:32
Apologies : Chrissy, Katrina, Paul, Mel, Jodie.
Members in attendance: 7

Correspondence IN
Email from Phil of Port Macquarie club—inter club relations.
Port Macquarie newsletter
Grafton Newsletter

Correspondence OUT
Sep Newsletter
Payment for invoice for toilet roof incident.

Treasurererererer's Financial Report
Reserve Account $3291.18
Working Account $427.17

Business Arising from last Month
Coastal hire account paid.

New business
Nil

General Business
New ink cartridge(s) for Treasurereerer's printers. ~$87.
Motion carried Rick & Adrian.

Nothing else.

Trips
Driver Training Awareness Day – Date to be set after the rains have stopped, Marge. And the property at Wallabadah is dry. Possibly looking towards 2025 at this stage. More water is still laying everywhere; more rain to come over the next few days. In three years time when we are back in drought, we will all be regretting thinking about our current thoughts about the continued rain.

Trips

Sofala, Hill End loop trip – Col. Date to be set after the rains have stopped and we know that the roads are open.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set

Coolah Tops trip – Dave. Date to be set

Mt Kaputar – Col. Date to be set

Gloucester to northbound via back roads – Col. Date to be set.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

Maybe hopefully if we get permission/invited : Australia Day 2023 longweek-end at the The Farm. Forbes River, Long Flat.

Watch this space.

Meeting closed : 18:47.

The clubs driver awareness/ training day.

POSTPONED. Wet wet wet !
New date to be set for November.

Do you love the outdoors? Enjoying the local scenery that our lovely land has provided? Love going four wheeling driving and meeting new people?

Tamworth 4WD Club is a local club of people who love camping, outdoors, meeting others around a camp fire.

We are offering a basic 4wd awareness day and would love to see YOU come and see what we can offer you.

KEEP THIS DATE IN MIND

Saturday 9th July 2022

Wallabadah, starting 930am.

Bring a chair, drinks, lunch and a smile.

Gold coin donation to WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

Do you know how to recover your vehicle safely if you get stuck?

Do you know how to do a hill start?

If this suits you and wish to learn 4wding skills please contact and RSVP to Paul Ellison or David Maunder for directions

In association with the Tamworth 4wd Club, the "Col & Dave show" presents:

<u>THE SHEBA TO WATER GAUGE TRIP</u> (Barrington Tops)

Date: Friday 30th Sep to Monday 3rd Oct.

Friday arvo Paul & Mel, Col & Leanne and by 6pm, Dave had arrived at Sheba Dams to spend the first night. Dave even managed to get lost within the Sheba Dams camping grounds. It was blowing an absolute gail Friday night all through the night, and it was rather quite cool during the night. I regretted not packing another blanket or two, thinking that if it was this cold at Sheba, it was going to be a lot cooler at Barrington. Thankfully this wasn't the case. Saturday morning we awoke to a somewhat nice but cool sunny Saturday morning. We hung around till 9:30am hoping in anticipation that someone/anyone else may have shown up. On the dot of 9:30 most of us left Sheba—Col called out on the radio "'hink we have a problem here" with the Rangers engine fault code coming on. Col drove off and kept an eye on it. We traversed along Barry Road across the Barnard River and the first five creek crossings, through GlenRock Station gate, and then through the next 16 or so creek crossings and finally driving by the front gate of Elleston. The road was in quite good condition considering the amount of rain that the region has had over the past 12 months. Up to Tomalla and through Tomalla station, past the Devils Ark , and by this stage Dave had a smile on his face knowing that we were about to embark on a bit of an adventure driving up Carters Road ridgeline track—a track that I had only ever driven down, not up. We drove past the first two Carters Road entrance points, and I got too excited; taking us down the wrong track and ended up at a locked gate that was open; meeting some nice locals who we reckoned were looking at their drug crops. Doing a u-ey , and after yet another mistake, and coming across a club of six vehicles heading along Poly Fogal Rd from the East, we finally found the unmarked entrance to the ridgeline track. Can easily drive past it without ever knowing that it is there—and it is exactly how I remember it from ten years ago. If one continues on this Poly Fogal Rd, you can end up at Woku National park, Walcha, Nowendoc, and even back on the main (currently closed) Scone-Gloucester Forest Road. Half up the ridgeline track, things got a little muddy due to all of the rain and water just seeping out of the hill. Further on Col bottomed out dragging his trailer through one track watering hole and quickly winched out. Through the bottom first gate of Barrington's State Forest boundary, we followed the dingo gate for a kilometre or four to the second gate. From here I knew that our "epic ridgeline adventure" was over.

It had lived up to my memory of driving down it, and it had brought a huge smile to my face. From having come to this second gate many times in my youth, I knew that it was only a few more kilometers onward where Carters Road turns in Gummi Road, and to the Water Gauge main turnoff. We grabbed some more firewood, and then continued on dropping down to the camp spot within a few minutes later. To our utter surprise, there was not a single sole around—we had the place to ourselves.
We all set up camp, lit a fire, rained, and then we all dived under cover under Col & Leannes gazebo.

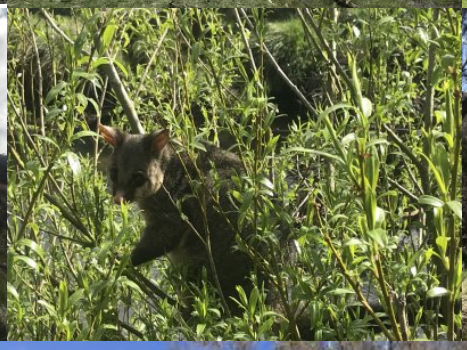
For the rest of Saturday as well as Sunday, we had constant light rain and then no rain with snippets of sunshine in between. We all lazed around Sunday; taking short walks around the area when the sun did come out.

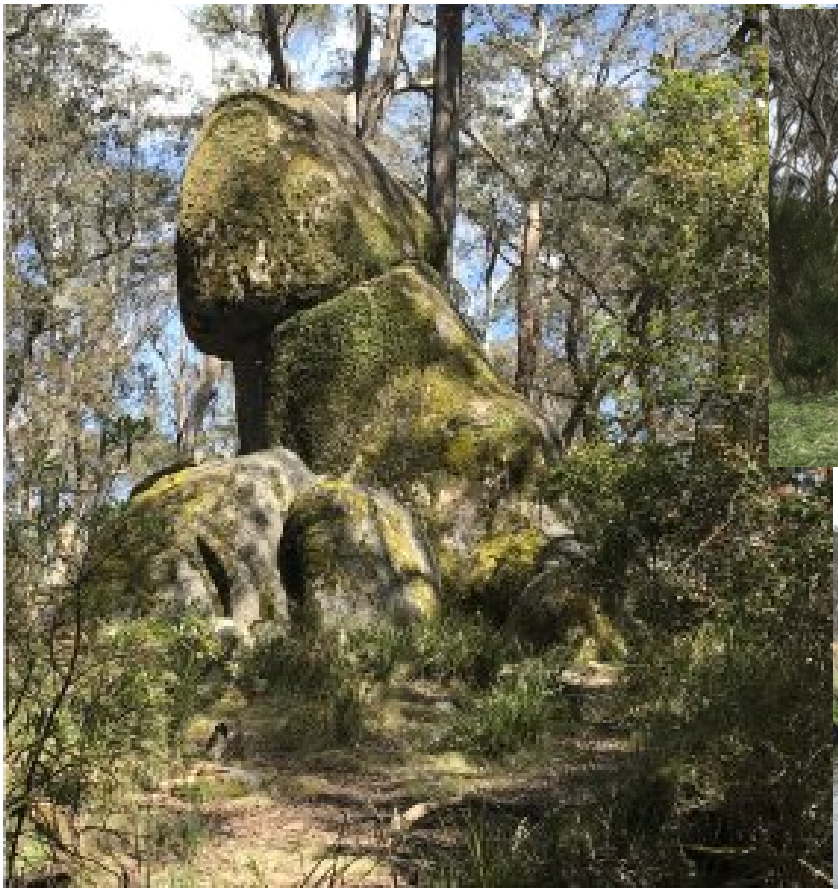
Monday morning we awoke to sunny glorious day, however it later clouded over a little. Driving out we stopped at the Gummi Road bridge falls and the The Rock. Back on the main road we past vehicles of another club parked at Thunderbolts Lookout that I thought would have been the Port Macquarie club, however after speaking to Tony in the club, he thinks that it was yet another club as he was for sure that they visited the lookout later in the day. We drove in and stopped/looked at Horse Swamp camp grounds. Unfortunately it was ripped to shreds—circle working had been done and no nice green grass was in sight. I am (really) hoping that National Parkes Rangers can catch those that wrecked the camp grounds via the NP booking system.

We continued on heading for home via the Dingo Gate, Moonan Brook, Elleston, Timor Caves where we pulled up for lunch, up and over Mt Crawney and I headed back to Wallabadah via the old Wallabadah Road, whilst the others continued on through to Nundle and then on to Tamworth.

All in all a pleasant relaxing weekend was had by all.

-dave





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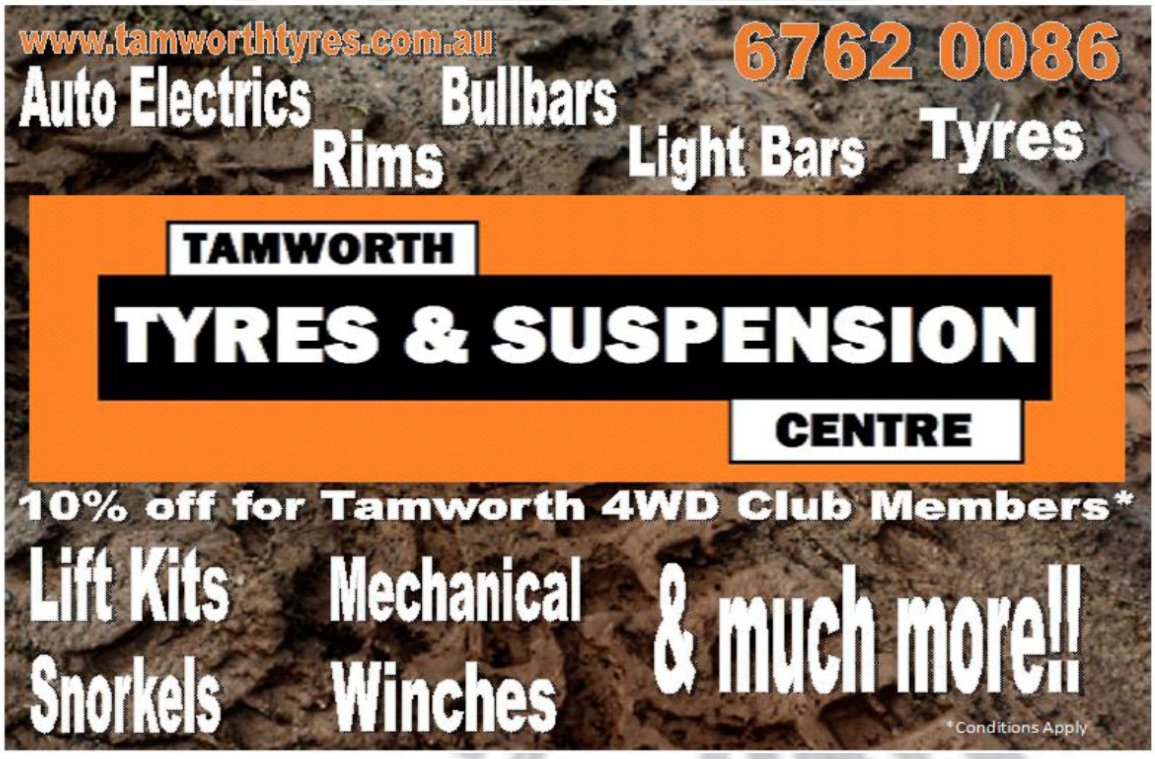

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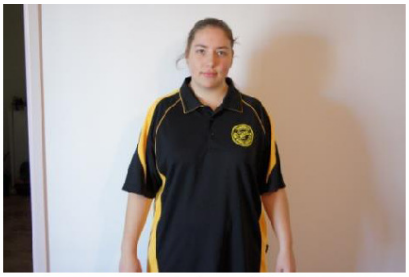
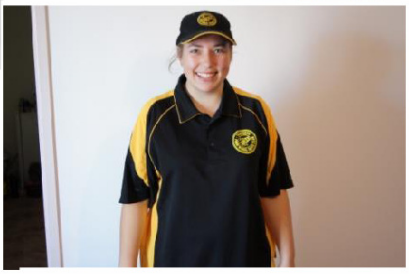
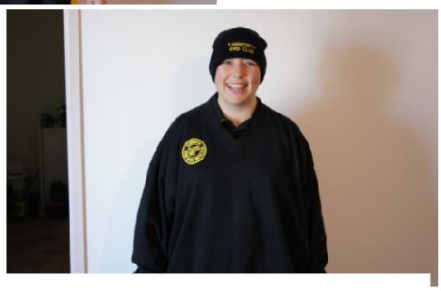
Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $17 - T-Shirts
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- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

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Account Number: 895405

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MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

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Signature of Member: …… Date: ……..

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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